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> RE: Comments on proposed rules Part 1271 Federal Register Vol. 64 #189 9/30/99

Dear Ms. Zoon:

I have reviewed the proposed rule for "Suitability Determination for Donors of Human Cellular and Tissue Based Products". Comments are as follows:

- The proposed rules do not require that permanent deferral records be maintained.
- The proposed rules do not require that the names of donors identified at the time of screening and testing as unsuitable be saved for listing in deferral records.
- 1271.75(d) The proposed rules only require an abbreviated donor screening for living donors on subsequent donation when a complete donor procedure has been performed within the previous 6 months. A complete screening should be recorded with each donation event.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilou Mallada at (609) 292-0522 or myself at (609) 984-0488.

Sincerely,

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